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Application No. 10/084,759	) Primary Examiner: Dwayne C. Jones
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For: Antimicrobial Prevention and Treatment of Human Immunedeficiency Virus and Other Infectious Diseases	) Confirmation No. 4483 ) )

## AMENDMENT AND REPLY TO OFFICE ACTION

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Sir:

In response to the Patent Office Action, mailed September 26, 2003, please amend the above-identified patent application as follows:

## In the Claims

Claims 1-30 (withdrawn)

Claim 31 (currently amended): A method for use in treating human immunedeficiency virus or other infectious diseases, comprising the steps of:

systemically applying an antimicrobial compound comprising a medical composition in with a syringe into a rectal canal or vagina of a person infected with human immunedeficiency virus or another infectious microbial disease; and

said antimicrobial compound comprises by weight: